



Town of Candia
Agricultural Commission
74 High Street
Candia, New Hampshire 03034

FINAL MINUTES

February 3, 2022

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Vice Chair June Petrin, Tom DiMaggio, Ron Howe, Joe Lamarche, Darrel Nafranowicz, Robin Vergato

Commission Alternates present: Debra Cobb, Ken Madden, Pattie Davis, Heidi Bothwell. Excused: Cody Wood.

Call to Order

- *Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.
- *Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Commission Members and Alternates.

Public in Attendance

- *No public attended.

Regular Business

- ***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on December 2, 2021**
-moved by June Petrin, seconded by Ron Howe, all in favor unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report**

-Treasurer's report was presented; only change was the addition of .22 interest. Minimal discussion regarding continuing to present report monthly. All agree we would continue to review.

Old Business

***Membership Terms**

- The Board of Selectmen approved the renewal of membership terms for Chair Matt

Cobb, Vice Chair June Petrin, Secretary Robin Vergato and Alternate Pattie Davis. The Board approved the appointment of Alternate Heidi Bothwell.

***Lecture Series**

- Due to the town library flooding over the Christmas Holiday and will continue to hold our monthly lecture series at the Town Hall.

-February's lecture is scheduled for February 8, 2022 at 7pm on the subject of Invasive Plant Species. Doug Cygna will be presenting.

- The March lecture is scheduled for March 8, 2022 at 7pm on the subject of Poultry. Leanne Miner from Flying M Farm will be present for a question-and-answer roundtable discussion on various poultry.

-Committee approved scheduling the April lecture on Birds of Prey and their impact on Agriculture with On The Wing, a raptor rehabilitation facility in Epping NH. We have asked them to bring an Owl and a Hawk local to the area. We will seek funding from local businesses and possibly the Historical Commission towards the fee for the presentation.

-Cody Woods has been working on scheduling our May lecture on Composting with the intent to have an on-site demonstration. Patti Davis will approach Charmingfare Farm regarding the use of their location.

-Dick Snow will be present on February 8, 2022 to handle the zoom presentation of the Invasive species lecture.

***Farmers Market update**

- Of the 17 vendors last season, 11 are returning. We have 5 new interests for new vendors. The price will be the same, \$15 per month, or \$60 for the season. We have opened up the use of resources to include the six New England states. The vendors must have insurance or sign a waiver. We will limit craft vendors to two at this time. We discussed the possibility of another market in August, just for crafts. June Petrin has applied for the use of the land at the library for the market. More advertising will occur, we will be listed in the Food Market Listing. Additional signs are being purchased. We have enough space on the grounds of the library to accommodate over 30 vendors. Patti Davis is working on entertainment for the market. Meetings will continue bi-weekly, every other Thursday, with the next Farmer Market meeting scheduled for February 17, 2022 from 10am-noon at the Town Hall Meeting room.

***Boy scout Flyer**

-Flyer was prepared by June Petrin covering both the Agricultural Commission and our educational series, along with the Farmers Market. There is a flat fee for the inclusion of our flyer of \$265.

New Business

***Moore School Agriculture Day**

- Scheduled for Wednesday May 25, 2022, with a rain date of Friday May 27, 2022. The school will provide a list of the demonstrators present at the last Agriculture Day in 2019. The list will be used as a guide for arranging demonstrators for this May. We discussed target audiences, and what classes (age groups) would be visiting which stations, to make the

demonstrations age appropriate. The question was also asked if parents would be allowed to attend. All suggestions for demonstrator's welcome.

***Table at voting day**

-Moderator, Clark Thyng, suggested the possibility of having town committees set up booths at the CYAA building on voting day, Tuesday March 8th. We discussed a booth could be set up, but we would not be able to have a member present at the booth all day. Matt Cobb will inquire further if a presence would be required all day, or the possibility of only during the heavy hours, i.e. early morning, noon and evening.

Public Comment

No public comment

Next Meeting: March 3, 2022 Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

*Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM, moved by Heidi Bothwell, seconded by Ron Howe, all in favor unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted by,
Darrel Nafranowicz, on behalf of Robin Vergato, Secretary**